

Remarks

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Claims 1-28 are pending in the Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 9-11 and 14. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that Claims 1-8 and 16-28 are allowed. Applicant further appreciates the indication in the Office Action that Claims 12-13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has rewritten objected to Claim 12 in independent form, as Claim 9. As a result, Claim 9 is allowable, as are Claims 10-11 and 13-15 that depend therefrom. Applicant respectfully requests favorable action.

CONCLUSION

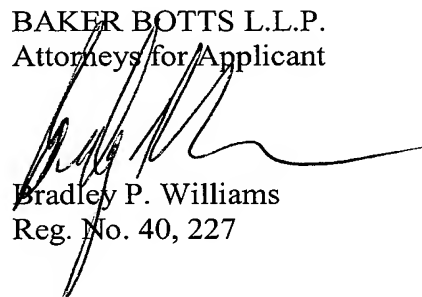
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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